State/U.T.	IOC	BPC	HPC	Total
Punjab	250	98	71	419
Rajasthan	203	114	112	429
Sikkim	7	0	0	7
Tamil Nadu	389	149	122	660
Tripura	29	0	0	29
Uttar Pradesh	706	279	188	1173
Uttarakhand	131	17	18	166
W. Bengal	293	74	105	472
ALL INDIA	4988	2135	2231	9354

Promotion of religious and rural tourism

1989. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being envisaged to promote religious and rural tourism in the country;

(b) whether there is any promotional scheme to provide more funds particularly to those backward regions that have immense potential of tourism;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider providing funds to a poor State like Bihar that has immense potential of religious tourism since it has famous religious places; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and funds to be provided, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (b) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistances to States/ Union Territories for development and promotion of tourist destinations and circuits including religious and rural tourism sites on the basis of project proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

The Ministry has sanctioned Rs. 59240.12 lakh for 248 projects in the country during the current financial year upto February, 2008. Out of this Rs. 785.82 lakh has been sanctioned for 2 projects in Bihar.

Road map for tourism promotion

1990. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any road map for tourism promotion has been drawn up for deveopment in the next ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the shortage of hotels/accommodation and infrastructural facilities in important tourist circuits in the country?